



Provider Newsflash



A fax bulletin for the Molina Healthcare of Washington Provider Network

Drug Formulary and Policy changes Effective: August 1, 2026 (Medicaid)

Effective **August 1, 2026**, updates will be made to the opioid and methadone policy.

- **Changes to Expedited Authorization (EA) Code 85000000540:** EA Code may be used to override the 120 Morphine Milligram Equivalent (MME) limit (up to 200 MME) for opioid claims that meet the clinical code criteria outlined below.
- **Methadone:** Methadone products are not eligible for override using any Expedited Authorization (EA) code. A Prior Authorization (PA) is required for coverage.
- There are no changes to EA Code 85000000541.

Expedited Authorization Code	Code Criteria
85000000540	Client is in active cancer treatment, hospice care, palliative care, or other end-of-life care. This code will override the 18 or 42 doses, the chronic use (42 days in a 90 day period) limit, and the 120 MME limit. Doses over 200 MME per day require authorization and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.